



Pope Leo XIV

"May the familiar voice of Jesus reach us, and reach everyone, because it is the only one that comes from the future. May he call us by name, prepare a place for us, free us from that sense of helplessness that tempts us to give up on life."



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. Our nativity rehearsals are fully under way and it is already sounding like it will be brilliant! Parents are warmly invited to both performances on the 9th and 10th December.

We have hosted our first two open days for prospective parents for next year and it has been wonderful to show off our school and all of the amazing teaching and learning behaviours. Please share these dates far and wide, as we would love to increase our intake next year.

Mrs Ransom has sent an updated permissions Office form, but we are still missing a few responses – please check Arbor if you have not yet filled this in.

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a trip to Wolsey Theatre to see a live presentation from Catherine Johnson. All attendees will also have received a copy of her book and she has been into school to work with Year 5 this afternoon!

Kind regards,

Mr McGill and Mrs Berry

Our Gospel Values

- Creativity
- Courage
- Forgiveness
- Generosity
- Humility
- Joy
- Perseverance
- Stewardship

Executive Headteacher

Mrs Berry

Head of School

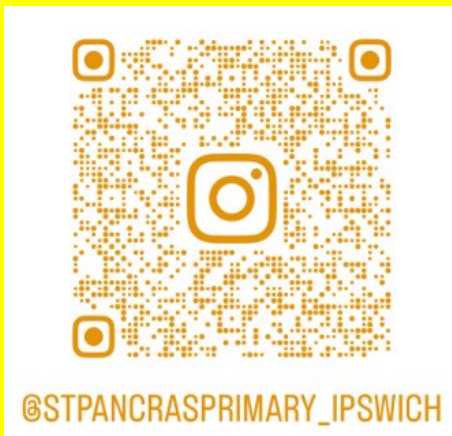
Mr McGill

SENCO Mr Bentley

Our Classes

- Rainbows Miss Aldous
Mrs Iannelli
- Celestial Mrs Thackeray
Ms Abbott
Mrs Durston
- Class 3 Mr Grimwood
Mrs Harvey
Mrs Nwafor
- Class 4 Mrs Crowther
Mrs Katkuniene
- Class 5 Miss Pursehouse
Ms Borley
- Class 6 Mrs Jones
Mrs Smith
Mrs Tella

Please follow our newly resurrected Instagram page. Content will be posted regularly to here and Facebook!



Learning behaviour of the week:

Wear school uniform correctly and proudly.

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Below are some key dates for the diary

- 11th November—Y6 Whitton Remembrance service
- 11th November—Open morning
- 12th November—Open afternoon
- 13th November—Celestial Class Mass
- 27th November—Rainbows Class Mass
- 8th December—Nativity dress rehearsal to school
- 9th December—Nativity performance
- 10th December—Nativity performance
- 13th December—Christmas bazaar (11am –2pm)
- 16th December—Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day
- 19th December—House Points prize 2—Non-uniform day
- 19th December—KS2 Carol Concert

SPORTS CLUBS



EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL

Day:	Activity:	Year(s):	Time:	Price
Monday	Basketball	R-6	15:20-16.20	£5.50
Tuesday	Gymnastics	R-6	15:20-16.20	£5.50
Thursday	Archery	1-6	15:20-16.20	£5.50



BOOK TODAY!



SPORT UPDATES

Upcoming competitions

Autumn 2 competitions and events:

- U11 Mixed Ten Pin Bowling—19th November
- U9 Mixed Dodgeball Festival—1st November
- U11 Mixed Christmas Cracker—11th December

Junior Parkrun: Check out your local Junior Parkrun at 9am on Sunday morning.

Local options include Christchurch Park, Kesgrave and Ravenswood Primary School.

We've heard lots of fantastic Parkrun stories and are looking forward to hearing more!

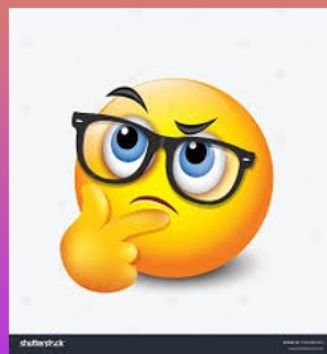
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In order to encourage independent thought, critical thinking and the confidence to form opinions, we are going to be introducing a question of the week. This is a philosophical question aimed at the children, but one that has a wider context or meaning and would also be applicable to adults. We want the children to form their own opinions and not be shaped by those of others around them. In addition, we want to open their eyes to the current political and moral issues within the world around them.

Therefore, the question will be posed in Celebration Assembly every Friday and will feature here, but most importantly, it will not be answered by adults in school. Instead, we want children to arrive at their own conclusions and be confident in their own assertions, without influence or bias.

Question of the week:

- What makes someone a leader?



ONLINE SAFETY

Should I use screen-time as a reward?

It's such a difficult one for parents; we're living in a time where screen use starts at a very early age. But should we use screen time to support positive behaviours or even take away screens as a punishment? The answer is that there is no single answer, as it very much depends on individual circumstances, but it was a question posed to some experts on Internet Matters which will hopefully give parents some food for thought.

Read the article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/should-i-use-screen-time-as-a-reward/>

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Staff Professional Day - Monday 1st September

Staff Professional Day - Tuesday 2nd September

Term Commences - Wednesday 3rd September

Half Term - Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

Staff Professional Day – Monday 3rd November

Term Ends - Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2026

Staff Professional Day - Monday 5th January

Term commences -Tuesday 6th January

Half Term - Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

Term Ends - Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2026

Term commences - Tuesday 14th April

May Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May

Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Term Ends - Friday 17th July

Staff Professional Day – Monday 20th July

LET'S PROTECT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ONLINE RADICALISATION

■ Online Virtual Sessions for Parents and Carers

Young People are spending significant amounts of unsupervised time online which may increase their risks of susceptibility to grooming and exposure to extremist content.

Seeking to upskill parents and carers of young people who might be exposed to harmful online content, Norfolk Community Safety Partnership and Suffolk County Council are working in partnership with Small Steps to deliver four online sessions aiming to challenge Extreme Right-Wing (ERW) narratives.

The following topics will be covered:

- Understanding the factors that can make individuals more susceptible to extremist ideas
- How to support others and how to get help and make a Prevent Referral
- Understand how extremist groups often exploit digital platforms and the dangers
- What disinformation and misinformation are and highlight the dangers of both
- Highlight the benefits of real-life connections with people
- Signs of radicalisation, how to have difficult conversations and what to do if approached by an extremist online
- Critical thinking and build real-life resilience to extremism
- Connections between the Extreme Right-Wing and mixed ideologies such as the Incel movement and the manosphere
- Interactive gaming activities designed to explore and raise awareness of the methods used by extremists on virtual platforms

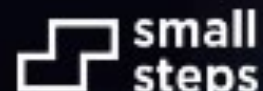


MON 6 October at 12.30 PM
THUR 16 October at 12.30 PM
WED 22 October at 5.30 PM
TUE 4 November at 12.30 PM

**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER**

If you are worried that someone you know is being radicalised, please contact the Suffolk Customer First team at 0808 800 4005 or Norfolk County Council at 0344 800 8020. If urgent call 999.

You can also share your concerns and seek support and guidance by visiting the [ACT Early website](#), or contacting their support line on 0800 011 3764.



How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

